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## JULY MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, July 11, at eleven o'clock ; Vice-President Colonel ASPINWALL (in the absence of the President) in the chair.

Although there was not a quorum of members present, the meeting was called to order, and the Secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting ; after which the meeting was dissolved.

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## AUGUST MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, August 8, at eleven o'clock A.M. ; Vice-President Colonel ASPINWALL in the chair.

There was not a quorum of members present ; but the record of the last meeting was read.

Mr. DEANE read an interesting letter from Mr. Winthrop, dated London, 4th July, 1867, referring to his speedy and pleasant passage from New York to Queens-town of only *seven* days, and of eight days to Liverpool. He stated that he arrived in London just in time to be summoned, by Mr. George Peabody, to Oxford, to witness the Commemoration services, and to see Mr. Peabody in his red gown as D.C.L. He had since been the round of visiting and sight-seeing. He spoke of a

photograph of the church at Austerfield, in which Bradford worshipped, and a photograph of that part of the Baptismal Register which gives the name of Bradford and the date of his baptism. These were given him by Lord Houghton, and he intended to present them to the Society if it did not already possess them. He also spoke of a portrait of Franklin by Gainsborough, on exhibition at the South-Kensington gallery, which he had never seen before. He said he should procure photographs of it to bring home.

Mr. DEANE then exhibited the photographs of the Austerfield church and of the Baptismal Register referred to, which had been presented to him last year by Lord Houghton's friends, — the accomplished and hospitable family of Mr. Charles Lowther, who now reside at "Bawtry Hall."

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM, the Treasurer, announced a bequest to the Society of two thousand dollars, from the late Henry Harris; and that the sum had been received by him from Mr. Harris's executor, Mr. Minot.

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#### SEPTEMBER MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, September 12, at eleven o'clock, A.M.; Colonel ASPINWALL, Vice-President, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations (for the past two months) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;